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## Profile

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North Central team praises people and programs

### Accreditation extension recommended

Dr. Todd Bullard, president of Bethany College and chair of North Central's evaluation visit team to Taylor University in November, stated quite simply the difference between Taylor and other colleges during the team's exit interview.

"A student told one of our team members that the difference at Taylor is the people," Bullard told the group of some 50 faculty, staff and students. "We agree with that.

"It's been obvious to us that you're an institution that is honest with each other and with others, as well."

With that, he and the other team members — Dr. Maxine Fish Huffman, Central College, Iowa; Dr. Albert J. Smith, Wheaton College; and Dr. James Taylor, North Central College, Illinois — candidly discussed what they had discovered through reading Taylor University's 231-page self-study and their three-day visit to the Upland campus.

What the team has recommended to the North Central Association is that Taylor University be given a 10-year renewal, with a three-year interim visit to evaluate the college's progress with strategic planning. Action on the recommendation is expected sometime in March.

It was Taylor's people that made the greatest impression on the team, as evidenced by Bullard's opening statement at the exit interview. "I know of no finer compliment than that," said Dr. Richard Stanislaw, academic dean, of Bullard's comment. "Afterwards, one of the team members said to me, 'I could not handpick a group of students from my college and get answers that good.'"

Taylor's faculty and staff are infused with the mission and purpose of the

#### Groundwork set to put Taylor's strategic planning in motion

Loose ends are being gathered as Taylor University sets up strategic planning.

Most immediate is an announcement of Taylor's marketing research results to be presented during this month's board of trustees meeting. Students, parents of students, staff, faculty, alumni, pastors and board of trustees members all received research instruments; results will be used in future strategy development, according to Dale Sloat, director of marketing, who assisted in coordinating the research.

Those results are only a first step, though. "I think the report of our consultant, Walker Johanson, will probably provide some data which will assist us in strategic planning," said Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president. "I don't see it being an end in itself."

institution, Bullard stated at the exit interview, adding that students are dedicated to the school's mission, as well; that is not true at many colleges, he noted. Other strengths the committee mentioned were the excellent facilities and good maintenance; well-organized and effective admissions process; a systems program throughout the curriculum; an academic program that incorporates religion within general education; strong student services and instructional support; and "dedication, trust and confidence" in faculty and administration.

In sessions with faculty members, the team found that there was a "sense of calling" on the part of those who work at Taylor, Stanislaw related. "That's what makes it a vocation, not a job," he said.

The only area the North Central visitation team saw as a concern was strategic planning in relation to numbers and finances — an "ordering of the goods," as Bullard put it. The report also

added that faculty and staff salaries are low, but all four team members unanimously agreed at the exit interview that Taylor's fringe benefits help provide a balance.

"As far as I'm concerned, those were all very timely, accurate, on-target comments, and I certainly have no problems with them," said Dr. Daryl Yost, provost. "What it has done and will do is force us, as an institution, to make strategic planning a higher priority.

"I would say on the basis of what I've both heard and read about the North Central visit that Taylor has been given a favorable review."

"They made their own interpretations, but everything they pointed out, we had recognized as a potential problem anyway," said Mildred Chapman, professor of education and coordinator of the self-study. "This team was exceptionally strong at fully understanding us — both our strengths and our weaknesses — as a result of reading our self-

Strategic planning is a responsibility of the Office of the President; Yost has met with presidents of other universities as he prepares groundwork for Taylor University's future goals and objectives.

Developing a strategic plan is not a one-shot deal. "This report is just one of several things that will have to be brought into focus," Yost said. "We'll need ongoing data to determine the direction of our institution. Every year this data will have to be reviewed."

Taylor University has applied for a grant from the Council for Advancement of Private Higher Education. This grant will provide resources needed to fund a strategic plan, according to Dr. Charles Jagers, vice president for university advancement.

study and their studying us during the three-day visit. This was a very thorough team and a very fair team."

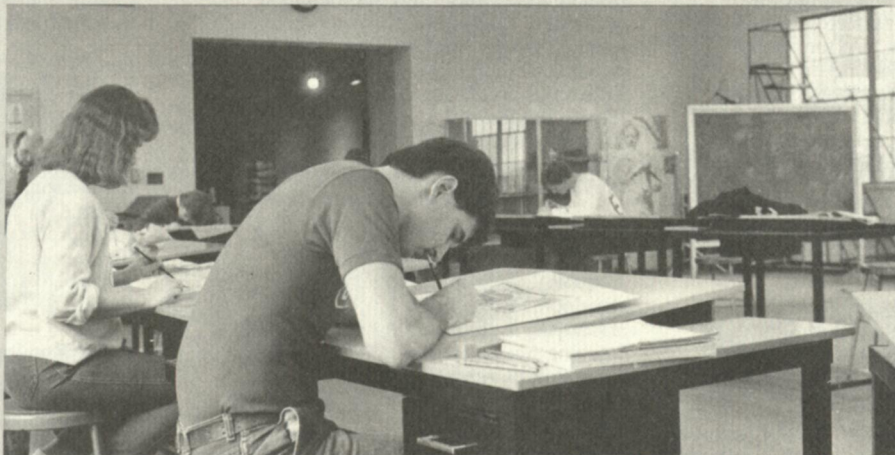
A great portion of the team's assessment was made even before the members reached campus. Chapman was appointed to coordinate a self-study report, a process that began with a steering committee meeting in August, 1984. North Central Association sets up criteria for the self-study.

After hundreds of hours of discussing and rewriting, a task that involved 63 members of Taylor's community, from trustees to students, the self-study was presented to the team members in September. It included sections on a perspective of Taylor, the institutional mission and purpose, the university's governance, educational programs, resources, and accomplishment of purposes.

Yost, Stanislaw and Chapman expect North Central to follow through on the team's recommendation.

### Art, theatre programs carry on despite misfortune

*Both the art and theatre programs have managed to fit quite nicely into the Ayres building. Large windows in the west wing allow plenty of natural light, making the space suitable for drawing and painting classes. Ceramics, photography and jewelry inhabit the downstairs portion, while a theatre has been created in the east wing.*



Losing a building to fire just three weeks before the beginning of fall semester could cause all sorts of problems for a college.

And it did for Taylor University. The solutions to those problems may be a blessing after the tragedy — although they will never make up for the great loss incurred, both in the physical structure and emotional scars.

For, after fire gutted the theatre on the upper level of the Helena building in August, a new — and,

in many ways, improved — theatre was built in time for the fall presentation of *The Good Doctor*. And, although smoke and water damage ruined equipment, books, and art work, all phases of the art program were successfully continued in facilities that are, like the theatre, improved in many ways.

Thanks to the completion of the Zondervan Library in the spring, the Ayres building was vacated. The east wing has been converted into a cozy, homey theatre — small, but appealing. The west wing, with

its numerous, large windows, makes an excellent drawing and painting room for the art department. Downstairs, rooms that once held tens of thousands of books now contain kilns, pottery wheels, acrylic paint, and all the other tools needed to teach art.

"If anything, we've improved the situation by the move," said Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president. "In the case of the art department, it's a much more functional space than what they previously had. There are some limitations that they didn't have in the other building, but much has been improved by the move."

In just three weeks' time, maintenance and grounds crews, housekeeping staff, and art department faculty managed to reconstruct an art program. Art classes, like all other classes on campus, began promptly the first day of fall semester. "I think the move went smoothly, and, for the art department, very effectively," said Dr. Richard Stanislaw, academic dean. "They have an abundance of light and plenty of space."

"I think the theatre is a very nice set-up, too," Stanislaw added. And, indeed, it is. Much like the little theatre in the Helena building, the audience seating wraps around the stage in an L-shape. A construction shop back stage allows crews to quickly and easily move

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# 'Ayres'

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completed flats and props to the theatre; although most of the costumes sewn and collected over the past decades were destroyed in the fire, what few costumes remain are housed upstairs.

Soft, cushioned seats allow for comfort, and the entire theatre is done in a dashing shade of burgundy. The place exudes warmth.

It will not last long, though; a state agency has granted only three-years' approval on use of the Ayres building for a theatre. With review, that period may be extended to five years.

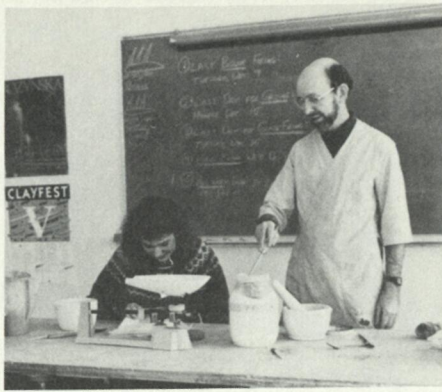
That leads to a stage that Taylor did not anticipate approaching for several years yet — phases II & III of a Fine Arts Complex to complement the Herman-son Music Center. "One good thing is that it's forcing us to look at Phase II and Phase III of the Fine Arts plan," Stanislaw said. "I feel we need those buildings, and we've said publicly we're going to address that need."

The board of trustees has granted authority for Taylor University to gather preliminary plan and cost estimates, develop a plan for raising necessary construction funds, and select an architect. This information will be presented to the board of trustees in May.

If the remainder of the fine arts complex were built, it would once more leave the Ayres building vacant — but again, not for long. "I would say it would become high priority to relocate the Office of the President, Admissions, Financial Aid, or Information Services in Ayres," Yost said. "Those would be potential uses of the building — not that we could do all those things, but at least some of them."

While the ordeal is in many ways hectic, frustrating and draining, there is something for which to be thankful — there was no loss of life and no injury during the fire. "It's not only provident that we had a building to move into," Stanislaw said. "It was provident that the fire occurred when it did — at night, in the summer, with no one in the building."

Stanislaw pointed out that the financial loss of intrinsic items is obvious; it is the emotional loss that will be carried on — the loss of costumes, sets and props that took so very many man-hours to construct; the loss of artwork and belongings that can be measured only by the owner and which can never be replaced.



Black above the upper floor windows indicates where the August fire in Helena began (below, below left). The building is vacant and remains locked (bottom). Meanwhile, activity normally confined to Helena has been moved to Ayres, such as work on mixing glazes (far left) and upcoming plays (left).



## Collections to fill renovated Helena building

Two collections may soon fill the interior of the vacated Helena building on the eastern edge of Taylor's campus.

Now standing vacant after its upper floor was ravaged by fire during the summer, the structure will be restored and retro-fitted, it has been decided. It's use: to house two collections, one of Oriental art and the other of natural history, which Taylor has been chosen to receive.

A collection of art objects from China, Korea and Japan has been willed to Taylor University by Neil & Renée Compton. Although not yet donated, since details must be worked out to meet the estate's requirements, the collection would be housed on the upper two levels of the renovated Helena building, according to present plans.

A second collection recently has been accepted by Taylor University; the will of Dr. Jesse W. Bowers of Ft. Wayne

called for his personal natural history collection to be donated to a private educational institution. Having been a long-time friend of Dr. Bowers, Taylor University was selected as a recipient, fulfilling the request. Plans are to display this collection in the lower level of a renovated Helena building.

The collection contains numerous animal carcasses and skins from North America and Africa. Among the items in the collection are big horn sheep, mountain goats, American antelope, caribou, elk, and moose; red fox, cougar, black bear, Kodiak bear, silver-tipped grizzly, brown bear, wolf, wild boar, and smaller animals; bald eagle, golden eagle, trumpeter swan, and smaller birds; and zebra skins, elephant ears, an elephant's foot, cape buffalo, rhinoceros, gazelle, wildebeest, hartebeest, and an ostrich skin.

Housed in the Helena building, the

natural history collection would obviously be some distance from the Nussbaum Science Center. "There's no question the natural history collection would not be ideally located, but it's better than not accepting it," said Daryl Yost, provost. "This appears to be an option that is acceptable."

Although the initial decision was to raze the Helena building, further discussion among board members indicated an interest in using the building for the collections. Space requirements of the art department and theatre exceeded the available space in the building, Yost said, which therefore prompted the decision to explore the feasibility of proceeding with phases II & III of the Fine Arts Complex.

Architects have been hired to produce a suitable renovation of the Helena building.

## Class News

'28

**Dr. Earl & Frances (Thomas) Allen** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this past summer with many family members and friends involved. Shortly thereafter, Frances was hospitalized with a fracture of her backbone. Both Earl and Frances are now doing well and praising God for his goodness. Their address is 10333 West Olive Ave., Apt. T-146, Peoria, AZ 85345.

**Dr. Susan Ruby (Breland) Lamb** was elected president of the International Foundation for Ewha Womans University at the board of directors' meeting November 1. Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea, founded in 1886 by a Methodist woman missionary, is the largest woman's university in the world, with approximately 20,000 students. Dr. Lamb is an author, teacher and distinguished Methodist laywoman who formerly served as secretary of Ewha's International Foundation. She and her husband, Dr. Wayne Lamb, a Methodist minister, live at 6215 Quince Road, Memphis, TN 38119.

'41

At the Annual Conference in June, **Earl Butz** retired after 45 years in the ministry of the United Methodist Church, North and South Dakota Conferences. He and wife **Eleanor (Anderson) '41** were surrounded by their entire family at the retirement celebration. Their address is 1800 South Kiwanis Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

'45

**Earl A. Pope**, professor of religion at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Albert Schweitzer Award. This award is to be presented annually at Johns Hopkins University to individuals or groups in the United States in honor of exemplary achievements in the advancement of

humanitarianism. It was established by Dr. Alfred Toepfer, an international grain merchant in Hamburg, Germany, who is also responsible for introducing the Albert Schweitzer Award in the Humanities given annually in the Soviet Union, the Goethe Foundation in Basel, Switzerland, and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in New York City.

'48

**William L. (Bill) Stone** was elected state president of Michigan Air Force Association, the first time a president was elected who has not served in the armed forces, and the first time a clergyman has held the position. Bill is pastor at Harrisville-Lincoln (MI) United Methodist Church. He also serves as president of the Iosco County Townships Association and is an elected trustee of the Charter Township of Oscoda.

'51

**Harry & Lorna (Green) Williams** now live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Harry is senior associate pastor of First United Methodist Church. He was most recently a district superintendent of the U.M. Church in Fargo, North Dakota. While in Fargo, Lorna served as an organist in a Lutheran church and worked in a music store. Their current address is 1704 South Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

'56

**Marjorie (McCallum) Meske** received her MSW degree from the University of Michigan in 1979 and is employed as a medical social worker at The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Health & Hospital Services, a 120-bed Catholic nursing home in Washington. Her address is 12601 N.E. 128th Way, Apt. G 10, Kirkland, WA 98034.

'59

**Dave Bowman** serves as athletic director and cross country coach at Shiprock High School in New Mexico. In addition, he is regional

director of District 8 (CA, HI, AZ, UT, NV, NM) for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. His address is 30 Road 1740, Farmington, NM 87401.

'68

The C.G. Jung Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Society of Jungian Analysts have announced the award of the Diplomate in Analytical Psychology to **Lawrence Fricke, Ph. D.** Dr. Fricke received his MS and PhD in clinical psychology from Washington State University; he is director of internship training and supervising psychologist at Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex and is in private practice as a clinical psychologist and Jungian Analyst in Milwaukee and Evanston. His wife, **Rosalee (Smith) '67**, is a program specialist for the Department of Social Services in Milwaukee. Their address is PO Box 26072, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

**Wes Rediger** has accepted the position of associate with Maidenberg Associates/Iroquois Corporation, a commercial property development firm in Marion, Indiana. Joanne is studying organ at Ball State University and teaching aerobics at the YWCA in Marion. They have two children, **Andrea (11)** and **James (8)**. Their address is 2127 Maplewood Dr., Marion, IN 46952.

**Gordon & Marge (Schippers) '67** Smith live in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where Gordon is president of Johnstown Bank & Trust Company and a director of the bank and its holding company, BT Financial Corporation. Marge, a former teacher, now gives time to civic responsibilities along with caring for the couple's home and daughters, **Courtney (13)** and **Stacey (11)**. The family's address is 565 Elknud Lane, Johnstown, PA 15905.

'69

**Gordon Mendenhall** was awarded the 1986 President's Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching this fall,

travelling to Washington, D.C., in October to receive the honor. Only two teachers are awarded the title annually; Mendenhall was a runner-up in 1985. He teaches biology at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis. In addition to instructional duties, he has been instrumental in introducing human genetics courses into the high school curriculum, has designed and presented a 75-minute slide presentation entitled *Genetic Variation, Substance Abuse, and Decision Making*, and has coached track. Wife Susan teaches at Indian Creek Elementary; the couple has two children, **Tyler (10)** and **Erin (8)**.

'70

**Tom & Julie (Ringenberg x73) Essenburg** moved to the northwest suburbs of Chicago in October. Tom has been with Youth for Christ for 17 years, the last 12 as executive director in Madison, Wisconsin, and is presently with North Area YFC as campus area coordinator for high school and junior high ministries. The couple, along with children **Ben (7)** and **Ann (4)**, live at 1051 Dogwood Ct., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

**Joe W. Romine** completed his doctor of education degree in secondary education at Ball State University; his dissertation was entitled *Work as a Central Life Interest and Leadership Effectiveness of Indiana High School Athletic Directors*. Romine is assistant professor and athletic director at Taylor University and lives with wife Carol at 815 Valhalla Dr., Upland, IN 46989.

'74

**Bruce & Patti (Jacobs) '76** Anderson are now living in Boonsboro, Maryland, where Bruce is the executive director of the San Max Children's Home. Bruce received his MSW from the University of Cincinnati in 1981 and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. Patti is currently homeschooling the couple's two boys, **Kit** and **Danny**. The family's mailing address is Rt. 2,



# Enrollment soars; steady growth predicted

Like most educational institutions, Taylor University is riding the enrollment roller coaster.

The difference is that, while most schools are hanging on with a white-knuckled grip while climbing up hills and dashing into valleys, Taylor University is in control of the ride. Most colleges this past year were scrapping for every possible application from a dwindling supply of eligible college students, but Taylor University was able to maintain steady enrollment growth and fill all available spots.

Enrollment stood at 1,492 students for the fall semester, far in excess of the 1,450-student goal set a year earlier. "This wasn't a one-year turnaround," said Wynn Lembright, director of admissions. "I have to think that what Taylor is all about has created this steady growth since 1983."

## Goals crushed in church program's first year

When Ron Keller set out last year to establish a church matching grant program for Taylor University, he had no idea how quickly it would be accepted and utilized by students and their parents.

Keller, director of church relations, created a program whereby all students, regardless of financial need, could gain tuition support through an annual gift from their home church. And, while he was formulating his thoughts and goals, he discovered something that was startling.

Few colleges in Taylor's general vicinity have a church matching grant program; Anderson College, in fact, appears to be the first school to develop the program; nine years ago, its inaugural church matching grant program boasted participation by six churches.

Taylor has had 78 churches award tuition support to students during the first year of its church matching grant program. And those 78 churches have given 95 students over \$57,000 during this initial year.

The program works like this: Churches may give up to \$750 to a student with financial need, up to \$500 to a student who has no financial need; Taylor matches the \$750 for the needy student, providing \$1,500 total interest-free dollars for the student, or nearly

Don't be alarmed, either, when 1987-88 enrollment dips to 1,470 students; that decrease is planned. It's a solution to a management problem that began four years ago with an unusually-large freshman class. Goals for next year are 435 first-time freshmen, and a freshman class of 500.

To maintain an enrollment of around 1,500 students for next year would create problems. "We just can't stay at that enrollment level," Lembright said. "We'd have to bring in a freshman class of 530. Our head-count will be down next year because of a large graduating class.

"If we brought in 530 freshmen, we'd just start the problem over again. We're trying to manage that now."

After that dip, the roller coaster will once again continue up a steady grade. Enrollment for 1988-89 is once again

one-quarter of this year's tuition; Taylor will match 50% of the money the church desires to give to a student with no financial need, still a significant total of nearly 12% of this year's tuition.

"We don't know of any independent Christian colleges with a program like this, although several denominational schools have similar programs," Keller said. "But their programs depend upon the church meeting its responsibility to the denomination and thus the college, and the amounts they give to the program are over and above these established amounts."

Keller is excited by the number of churches already involved in the program. It took Anderson College over three years to garner the type of participation evident in the first year of Taylor's program. And now, after nine years with a church matching grant program in effect, Anderson College has over 300 churches enrolled in the program, over 600 students being aided by their churches, and raised over \$285,000 this year.

Taylor is unlikely to see those kinds of figures for another year or two, but Keller does have goals already outlined for next year. "We are hoping to enroll over 150 churches for the fall of 1987, raise over \$100,000, and extend the 6% of our student body now involved in the program to 14%.

projected at 1,492; after that, 1,523 are expected to be enrolled in the fall of 1989, and 1,546 in the fall of 1990. Those figures are based upon a 500-member freshman class, plus average retention rates.

And retention appears to be the key figure. At Taylor, 82-85% of those eligible to return, have returned. At the same time, the average number of transfer students has decreased, and that goes back to retention: other schools intent upon keeping their students.

"They're working harder at retention, we're working harder at retention," Lembright said. "It used to be we could find a lot of transfer students. Now, everyone realizes it costs more money to get transfer students than it does to keep them, so they're working harder at keeping their retention levels up."

Statistics produce some interesting

points about Taylor's admissions program. Of this year's freshman class, 92% visited the campus, and 78% had their parents visit the campus. Total, there were 950 campus visits last year; that figure will be over 1,200 by this summer.

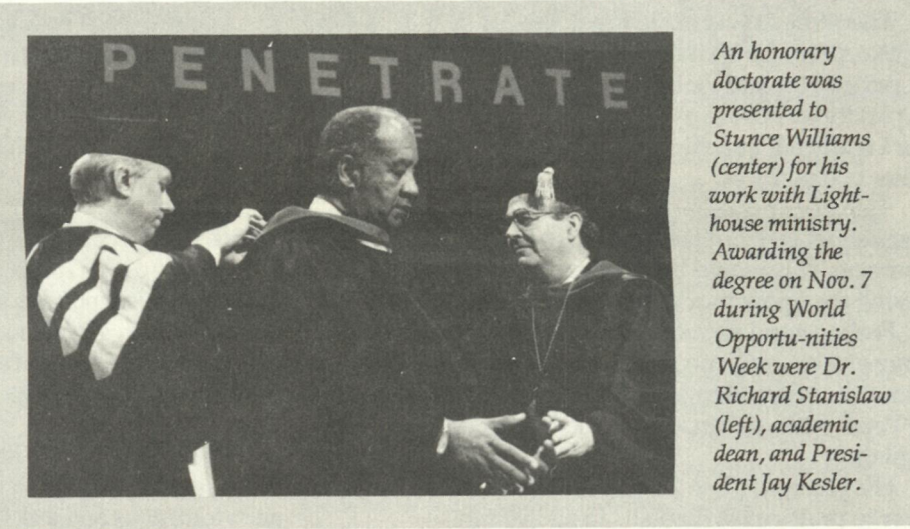
Financial aid may be a part of the reason Taylor has been successful in attracting and retaining students. The percentage of students receiving some form of financial aid has doubled since 1982.

Even more impressive, though, is the type of student enrolling at Taylor. Nearly half of this year's freshman class ranked in the top 20% of their graduating class; while national SAT and ACT averages have shown no change, the average SAT and ACT scores earned by incoming Taylor freshmen have increased over the years.

More positive information arrives each day in the form of applications. By the end of December, nearly 500 applications had arrived; contrast that figure to the 382 applications received at the same time a year ago. Normally, 45-46% of the applicants become first-time freshmen.

What has admissions people puzzled over the increase in applications is that a new, more difficult application was designed for this year. Unlike the typical two-page college application, Taylor's format consists of five pages. Not only must the potential student fill out the application, but also his guidance counselor and pastor must fill out portions of the application.

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An honorary doctorate was presented to Stunce Williams (center) for his work with Lighthouse ministry. Awarding the degree on Nov. 7 during World Opportunities Week were Dr. Richard Stanislaw (left), academic dean, and President Jay Kesler.

Box 73, Boonsboro, MD 21713.

**Dan Lahut** and his wife feel that the birth of son Bobby on July 25, 1985, was the greatest joy of their experience. Dan teaches pottery/art and coaches soccer in Marion, Ohio. The family attends Marion Grace Brethren Church. Their address is 2466 Gooding Rd., Marion, OH 43302.

**Heather (Clayton) Powers** and son Jeremy live in Mansfield, Ohio, where Heather works as a rehabilitation counselor for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. They live at 113 LaSalle St., Apt. 2, Mansfield, OH 44906.

**Dave Whybrew**, wife Ruth and their son John Joseph, born January 2, 1986, are in Boot Camp training with New Tribes Mission, Box 489, Cornettsville, Kentucky, 41731. Before his marriage to Ruth in December, 1984, Dave spent the summer in Liberia building a house for New Tribes missionaries, working with the Kru, the tribe from which Sammy Morris came. Since they had no vehicle, Dave, a track star at Taylor, served as the message runner to the mission station 11 miles away.

**'74 Madonna Jervis Wise** has been appointed the student services specialist for the Pasco County, Florida, school system. She coordinates the Pasco County multi-agency resource council for youth which attends to problems of crack and cocaine usage, truancy, teen drop-out, and other pertinent issues. Madonna received her master's degree from the University of South Florida, in Tampa, and is in the process of completing the specialist degree en route to receiving her PhD in counseling from the U of SF.

**'78 Gary & Karen (Brummeler) Carr** live in Hamilton, Michigan, where Gary is pastor of Diamond Springs Wesleyan Church and a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. After

leaving Taylor, Karen completed her BS at Michigan State, and Gary completed a BA at the University of Michigan and the MDiv at Asbury Theological Seminary. They have two daughters, Lesleigh (3) and Lauren (7 mo.), and their mailing address is Diamond Springs Wesleyan Church, 3562-136th Ave., Hamilton, MI 49419.

**'81 Brian & Lorene (Muthiah '84) Coffey** spent the second half of 1985 in Bolivia with World Outreach Fellowship, teaching English at Bolivian Evangelical University. They returned to the States in December of 1985 with Brian accepting the position of minister of youth at First Baptist Church of Geneva, Illinois. Lorene is undergraduate application coordinator in the Wheaton College admissions office. The couple's address is 1028 Manchester Course, Geneva, IL 60134.

**David Poucher** received the Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in June. He is currently an auditor with Arthur Young & Co. in the Los Angeles office, and wife Susanna (Hartman '81) teaches 7th and 8th grade English at a private school in Pasadena. Their address is 1048 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107.

**'82 Tom and Lynda (Fowler) Sepanski** live in Riverdale, Georgia, where Tom owns and operates a Singer Sewing Machine store. The couple, along with son Joshua David (6), live at 7375 Etowah Drive, Riverdale, GA 30296.

**Jeff Spencer** has been named an operations officer in the systems development group of InterFirst Services Corp., a data processing and support services subsidiary of InterFirst Corp., a Dallas-based bank holding company. Jeff joined InterFirst in 1984 as a programmer/analyst in systems development.

**Karen Wittig** is on the staff of the Ben Lippen School in Asheville, North Carolina, a

Christian boarding school for missionary kids and stateside high school students. Karen is a counselor to the freshman girls, teaches physical education, and is involved in other school activities. Her address is 10 Ben Lippen School Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

**'83 Duane Beeson** is the new director of promotion and information services at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, where he will coordinate the college's publicity and media relations. He joins **Jim Krall '80**, acting dean of student affairs, and **Steve Beers '82**, director of Colenbrander Hall, at the 850-student institution affiliated with the Reformed Church of America. Previously, Duane was coordinator of broadcast relations in the office of public affairs at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

**Beth Granger** has graduated from the University of Buffalo Law School and, having passed the New York State Bar exam, is working in the law firm of Hasper & Parker in Belfast, New York. Her home address is 7943 Lake Road, Caneadea, NY 14717.

**Scott & Andrea (Price '84) Preissler** recently moved to Cincinnati, where Scott has been named assistant director of career planning at the University of Cincinnati. Scott has also established his own firm of Preissler & Associates, consultants in business, higher education and leadership, which is open for personal and corporate consulting and counseling. Andrea is seeking employment in the Cincinnati area. The couple's address is Box 209, 5421 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45227 (513) 271-5077.

**'85 Beth Stone** recently finished her degree in fine arts management at Eastern Michigan University and is employed by the Thunder Bay Theater in Alpena, Michigan. The theater is a professional group with a year-round schedule of productions.

**'86 Airman 1st Class Jayne E. Fettes** has graduated with honors from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, having studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

**Debbie Perrin** teaches 6-8th grades at the North Hero Elementary School in Grand Isle, Vermont, an island in Lake Champlain connected by bridge to the mainland. Deb plans to do graduate work in nearby Burlington at the University of Vermont this summer. Her address is 691 East Shore Road So., Grand Isle, VT 05458.

## Weddings

The wedding of **Becky Hilbert '80** and **Peter Grant** took place in Peoria, Illinois, on April 5. Included in the wedding party were **Linda Hilbert '73**, **Cindy (Nicholson '80) Gutzman**, and **Mark & Dawn (Riley) Slaughter**, both '81. Becky, who had been working as a bank credit analyst, is now assisting Peter, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, in an evangelistic ministry throughout Great Britain. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 432, Edinburgh, EH11 1RD, Scotland.

**Janice Roehl '82** and **Jonathan Cook** were married June 14 in Portland, Oregon. Taylor friends participating were **Mark ('78) & Jami (Miller '81) Kinzer**, **Janet Sellhorn x81**, and **Mark Allan '83**. Janice and Jonathan live in Vernonia, Oregon, where Janice teaches third grade. Jonathan is a computer programmer/operator for Instrumedix, Inc., in Beaverton. The couple's address is 857 Park Dr., Vernonia, OR 97064.

On April 5, **Mindy Date '83** and **Dean Anderson** were married in Indianapolis, with **Juan '86 & Carrie (Greene '83) Porter** and **Jon**



# Wandering through CHINA

## on two wheels

by Phil Sommerville '80

I was standing in front of the glass display case of a refreshment stand across the street from my hotel, attempting to buy a cold bottle of Pepsi. This was my first night in China, and one of my first encounters with the local Chinese.

At that moment I first played what we soon began to call the "How much?" game. The object, of course, was to discover how much something cost. Already I had begun to learn my first lesson in Chinese, which is that Chinese numbers do not look anything like American numbers.

Therefore, it was futile to ask the storekeeper, who spoke no English, to write down the price or try and look at a price. After some perplexity on how to overcome this dilemma, need - for I really felt I needed this Pepsi - became the father to a solution.

I simply opened my wallet and let the storekeeper take out the proper amount of currency. This would become a common trick in playing the "How much?" game.

Feeling good about my successful attempt to communicate, and encouraged by my first Chinese encounter, I turned to walk back to the hotel with my Pepsi when a man approached me speaking English.

His name was Lee Zang-Wei, and he seemed eager to practice his English. In an instant, benches were pulled up, and I found myself sitting in the refreshment stand having a conversation with this gentleman. Standing around us as we were talking were a dozen or so curious Chinese

who watched intently, even though they could not understand a word of what was being said.

The very first question this man asked me, after learning that this was my first time in China, was what my impression was of the country. It wasn't an unfair question.

I have asked the same question myself of foreign exchange students who have come on some of our Wandering Wheels trips. However, since I had been in China for just a few hours, it was a difficult question to answer.

I managed a vague reply about how the

people impressed me as being friendly.

Now I'm sitting back at my desk, half a world away from Lee Zang-Wei. Above me on a shelf is the emptied soda bottle I bought that first night in China that says *Pepsi* in Chinese - a silly souvenir, perhaps. The story that goes with that bottle, however, is a treasure, and the real

souvenirs are the memories and impressions I now have of our trip in the People's Republic of China.

Not a day has gone by since I returned that I have not thought back to those scenes, events and people I encountered on our ride.

Guandong Province is situated directly above Hong Kong. In this province, the approximate size of Indiana and Illinois combined, live 80 million people. That is pretty close to one-third of the population of the United States.

Our trip took us 500 miles through this province, going around the Pearl River Delta, starting at Hong Kong, and then going up to Guangzhou (Canton) and back down the other side of the Delta to the Portuguese colony of Macau.

Looking back now on my experience, my greatest impressions are still of the Chinese people. The Chinese were curious, warm, friendly, simple, hard-working and seemingly content and at peace. Watching the peasant at work was like looking at a living beatitude.

The bicycle proved to be the perfect means by which to experience the Chinese people. We were able to ride down roads no tourist bus has ever cared to travel and to ride into towns and villages whose people, according to our guides, had probably never seen foreigners. As we rode down these roads and through these towns, the response was tremendous.

Several times we were swarmed by friendly, curious Chinese who would surround us in order to get a look at us and our fancy red-and-white, 15-speed Schwinn mountain bikes - a far cry from their black one-speeds. On a few occasions, our guides worried that they would get into trouble for the traffic jams caused by the crowds. No

matter where or when we stopped, people would always gather to see us because we were definitely a novel item to them.

Of course, they were just as much a novelty to us; we were continually fascinated with what we were seeing. There were the farmers out working in the rice paddies, standing calf-deep in the mud, urging their water buffalos to continue pulling the single-bladed plows through the muck; there were the women carrying loads that were balanced on either end of a pole they held across their shoulders, a burden so heavy it would make a football player strain; there were the bicycles piled so high that the rider could not be seen as he pedaled from his seat behind the load.

Often there were groups of children who would stand by the roadside, yelling "hello," while their grandmothers, backs hunched from decades of hard work, would stand back in the shade, smiling their gold-toothed smiles, at the same time. Thousands of images like these flash through my mind like so many pictures I wish I had taken.

The memories, though, will always be better than the hundreds of pictures I did take.

The bicycle offered us the opportunity to stop and enjoy the Chinese people, to appreciate their



Bicycles are far from being a novelty in China; black one-speed bikes are a common mode of transportation. Uncommon, however, is the multiple-speed bicycle, like the 15-speed Schwinn all-terrain bikes used on the Wandering Wheels' China trip. At every stop, curious Chinese would inspect the team's red bicycles (above). Not only the bikes were inspected, however; in many of the remote villages, (right) the Wheels' riders were the first Americans to pass through - ever!





labor, to get a glimpse of their way of life. We were able to see things one would never see from a bus window, to do things one could never do from a bus seat.

Some of us got off our bikes, took off our shoes, and sloshed through the rice paddy to try our hand at planting rice. Some of us got involved in a pick-up game of basketball with some local town kids — a humbling experience! There were many

positive moments of interaction like these throughout our journey, and it is moments like these that have left the biggest impression on my life and on the lives of the other team members.

It was after our resounding defeat in basketball that I was sitting back in the hotel, drinking a liter bottle of cold soda. The bottle cost six yuan, or about \$1.65, and it took but a few minutes to polish it off. As I finished my last swallow,

it occurred to me that in those few minutes, without any effort or thought, I had drunk the equivalent of three days' wages for the typical Chinese farmer who might make 10 yuan a week.

It struck me, even on my modest salary, how rich I am. It is a lesson I will never forget, just as I will never forget China.

A friend of mine, after realizing how little of China we actually saw compared to the massive size of the country, commented on how we really didn't get to ride into the heart of China. In geographic terms, no, we never got close to the heart of China.

But, in a country with a population of a billion people, I have a strong feeling China's heart is its people. If that is true, then we really did experience a little of the heart of China.



Even with 80 million people inhabiting the Guandong Province, situated just north of Hong Kong, seemingly endless miles of rice paddies stretch across the landscape (left). Farmers work countless hours in the paddies, urging the water buffalo along as the beasts pull a single-bladed plow through the calf-deep mud. Farmers hitch their animals to trees along the road (below), much like cowboys tied horses to hitching posts in the Old West.



## Wheels' embarks on second perimeter trip

Circling the perimeter of the continental United States with a large group of bicyclists was a feat never accomplished until Bob Davenport and Wandering Wheels pulled off a 10-month, 11,500-mile trip in 1985.

It appears, though, that the trip was just to prove a point, to establish a landmark in the annals of cycling history. For now, just over one year later, Davenport and a 40-person crew have embarked on Circle America II.

For good reasons, too. Equipment built for the first trip is available for the second trip; in fact, there is little use for a 50-bunk semi-trailer other than on the road with a large Wheels' group. Also, the unexpected pitfalls of a perimeter trip were discovered the first time around; they can be avoided on this trip.

And then there is the simple urge, the *wanderlust*, as Davenport refers to it, to tackle the trip one more time. There will be no filming of the trip on the second outing, as there was on the first, so one headache is out of the way. With the one journey under the belt, this second perimeter ride should be a much easier task to accomplish for Wandering Wheels' founder and director.

"I can almost say selfishly that this will be one of the few trips that I can actually enjoy," Davenport said in December as the final preparations for Circle America II were made. "Since the last trip, I've found myself continually interested in doing it again. Just the romance of the whole thing is haunting; there's still a mystique about circling America."

Some changes are being made in the second edition of Wheels around America. The 50-member group of Circle America has been cut back to 30 riders and 10 staff members, plus occasional guest riders. Work projects, scheduled each week during the first perimeter trip, have been cut back to one every 10 days or so. Too, the work projects will be more spontaneous, not scheduled months in advance, as they were during the first tour.

Two of the biggest changes, however, are in the overall scheduling. Circle America II left December 30 from New Smyrna Beach,

Florida, and will end at the same spot on September 3, thereby occupying only one college semester instead of two. Also, the trip has been cut from 10 months to eight months, and from 11,500 miles to 10,000 miles; riders will not tour the Florida coastline, will cut straight across the state of Texas, will not dip down to stop in Upland but ride across the northern part of the state, and will come inland along the East Coast to cut off some distance.

All in all, it's a much tighter-run trip than the inaugural Circle America trip. The excitement and challenge remain, but modifications have been made to help improve quality.

That doesn't mean that Circle America II will be a piece of cake; but it does mean that all the dreaming, effort, tension, strain and sweat that went into the first perimeter trip should pay big dividends on the second perimeter trip.

In fact, the success of Circle America I has already had enough of an impact to be held in high esteem. Davenport, alone, has gained enough from the first perimeter trip to justify its having been undertaken. "This being the biggest thing I had ever done, it reinforced the fact that I should be taking on even bigger things," Davenport said. "Even if it seemed unreasonable, even if

it appeared impractical, even if it didn't look like we should try it — go ahead and do it."

Davenport did just that by leading a group of riders on sturdy, all-terrain bicycles across a portion of China during the past summer. He had a second group touring China even as he embarked upon Circle America II in January. Now, the dream is to bring Chinese to the U.S. to ride a coast-to-coast trip.

For now, though, Davenport and his crew will be content to ride 60 to 70 miles a day around America — not for the glory or for the headlines, but for the growth that comes from physical and spiritual challenge. "This kind of thing is far more valuable because of the people and what they get out of it," Davenport said. "Something as significant to us as Circle America has more to do with our liking it and enjoying it.

"The reason for doing it is enjoyment and growth, to do it because we like it and it has its benefits. We wouldn't be doing it if we didn't want to be doing it."

Overnight stops will be listed in spring and summer editions of the Taylor University *Profile* and *Magazine*. Alumni and friends are encouraged to meet up with the group on a one-to-one basis; check with Wandering Wheels (317) 998-7490 on the actual site of camp in the towns and cities listed as overnight stopping points.

### Circle America II overnight stops

02/02 (M): Schulenberg, TX  
02/03 (T): Seguin, TX  
02/04 (W): San Antonio, TX  
02/06 (F): Sabinal, TX  
02/07 (S): Bracketville, TX  
02/09 (M): Del Rio, TX  
02/11 (W): Langtry, TX  
02/12 (R): Sanderson, TX  
02/13 (F): Alpine, TX  
02/14 (S): Marfa, TX  
02/16 (M): Van Horn, TX  
02/17 (T): Fort Hancock, TX  
02/18 (W): El Paso, TX  
02/19 (R): Las Cruces, NM  
02/20 (F): Caballo, NM  
02/21 (S): Silver City, NM  
02/23 (M): Lordsburg, NM  
02/25 (W): Duncan, AZ  
02/26 (R): Safford, AZ  
02/27 (F): Globe, AZ  
02/28 (S): Phoenix, AZ

03/02 (M): Wickenburg, AZ  
03/03 (T): Wenden, AZ  
03/05 (R): Blythe, CA  
03/06 (F): Brawley, CA  
03/07 (S): Julian, CA  
03/09 (M): San Diego, CA  
03/11 (W): Dana Point, CA  
03/12 (R): Long Beach, CA  
03/14 (S): Santa Monica, CA  
03/16 (M): Ventura, CA  
03/18 (W): Santa Barbara, CA  
03/19 (R): Solvang, CA  
03/20 (F): San Luis Obispo, CA  
03/21 (S): San Simeon, CA  
03/23 (M): Big Sur, CA  
03/24 (T): Monterey, CA  
03/26 (R): Santa Cruz, CA  
03/27 (F): San Mateo, CA  
03/28 (S): San Francisco, CA  
03/31 (T): Inverness, CA  
04/01 (W): Bodega Bay, CA

04/02 (R): Gualala, CA  
04/03 (F): Mendocino, CA  
04/04 (S): Leggett, CA  
04/06 (M): Garberville, CA  
04/07 (T): Eureka, CA  
04/09 (R): Orick, CA  
04/10 (F): Crescent City, CA  
04/11 (S): Port Orford, OR  
04/13 (M): Reedsport, OR  
04/14 (T): Waldport, OR  
04/15 (W): Lincoln City, OR  
04/17 (F): Newberg, OR  
04/18 (S): Portland, OR  
04/20 (M): Longview, WA  
04/21 (T): Chehalis, WA  
04/22 (W): Tacoma, WA  
04/23 (R): Seattle, WA  
04/24 (F): Mid-trip break in Seattle area through May 3; second half of trip begins May 4.



# Videotape brings Taylor campus to your living room

Thanks to the technological wonder of videotape, Taylor University's campus can be transported into the living room of every alumnus.

Taylor's department of alumni relations has created a 30-minute videotape hosted by George Glass, associate vice president for alumni and institutional relations. The tape is a tour, guided by Glass, of the entire Upland campus.

The reason? "We want to inform alumni, who haven't had the opportunity to be back, of the progress that's being made on campus," Glass said. "We also want to reassure alumni of the consistency of Taylor's commitment to spiritual values, and its commitment to academic excellence."

Originally, the intent was to direct the video to people who can't get back to

the campus — East Coast, West Coast, Southern States alumni. "We wanted to make available 30 minutes that give them a quick and inexpensive tour of the campus," Glass said.

But the tape was shown during Homecoming activities last fall, and interest in obtaining the video was expressed by alumni from all over the country.

And so now the videotape is available in VHS form to all alumni. Requests should be made through George Glass, Associate Vice President for Alumni and Institutional Relations, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana 46989. The videotape will be shipped free of charge.

Once the tape has been shipped, Glass asks only that you choose one of three options: 1) keep it for your personal use; 2) share it with friends or other alumni; or 3) send it back to Glass at Taylor University.

The tour of campus includes old buildings and sites, such as Swallow-Robin and Sickler Hall, as well as new facilities, such as the Hermanson Music Center and the Zondervan Library. It compares the Taylor of yesterday with the Taylor of today and features greetings from President Jay L. Kesler and Dr. Milo Rediger, president emeritus.

"We show the new buildings, buildings that have been here awhile, and talk about buildings that are no longer here," Glass said. "Now, that's a



As host of the Taylor campus video tour, George Glass (standing), associate vice president for alumni and institutional relations, has more than a passing interest in the editing work of Dale Sloat (seated), director of media services. Sloat is at the controls of Sony VO-5800 and VO-5850 videocassette recorders and an RM-440 editing control unit, equipment which allowed Sloat and Barry VonLanken to shoot and produce the video tour on campus.

little cold — but this campus is buildings and programs. And it's still happening here, just as it always has been."

Dale Sloat, director of marketing and media services, produced the tape with the assistance of Barry Von Lanken, a 1986 graduate who is now professional-

ly producing videos. "I'm pleased with the work they did," Glass said. "It's very professional."

Other videotapes which more specifically deal with Taylor University's programs are available through the office of admissions.

## Volunteers sought for advisory marketing panel

Dale Sloat, director of marketing, is requesting volunteers from Taylor University alumni and parents of students to form a group that would give direction to the university in areas of marketing and advertising.

This group would provide creative input for future graphics, advertising and marketing plans and would probably meet twice each year. Interested alumni and parents should contact Dale Sloat, director of marketing, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989 (317) 998-5238.

## "The Good 'Ole Days"

Remember those good 'ole days by sharing memories with old classmates. Introducing an easy way to look those friends up — our new 1987 alumni directory. The book, that will soon be in production, will list all living alumni.

You either have received or soon will be receiving a biographical

update packet. Be sure to completed and return the information promptly so you won't be forgotten. Only the number of directories ordered will be printed, so send your request for either a hardbound or softbound copy right away — and relive those college years with good friends.

## New Taylor alumni directory readied for final production

A new Taylor University Alumni Directory will soon be heading your way, but it will require some assistance on the part of alumni before it can be published.

This directory, the first since 1982, will list all known, living alumni alphabetically, geographically, and by class year. It will be available for distribution in late August and will include full name, occupation, business and home addresses, and business and home phone numbers for each alumnus and alumna.

Unlike past directories, which were created by alumni department staff, this directory will be produced by Carleton Graphics of South Bend, Indiana. "We've done it ourselves in the past, and we always carried a big financial risk," said Betty Freese, associate director of alumni relations. "It's a very expensive project; that's why we're doing it on this other plan."

Alumni should have recently received, or else soon should be receiving, a biographical update questionnaire to be completed and returned to the alumni directory publisher. Individuals

wishing to reserve their personal copy will be given the opportunity to purchase either a hardbound or softbound edition. It is imperative to the project that these forms be completed and returned as soon as they are received.

The directory will be made available only to the alumni of Taylor University and will tell what former classmates and old friends are doing, where they work and live, and how to contact them by phone or mail. A geographical index will indicate which alumni are located in certain cities and areas for contacting former classmates when traveling.

"It's the best possible way to have, at hand, a direct contact with classmates," Freese said. "It's the best tool we can provide alumni to help them stay in touch with each other. If they want to stay in touch with friends from Taylor, then they'll want a directory."

The directory will have a limited printing — only directories ordered in advance will be printed. The reservation forms will be included in the personalized biographical update to be issued to all alumni by Carleton Graphics, South Bend, Indiana.

Stocksdale '83 participating in the ceremony. Mindy and Dean met at Trinity Evangelical School where both were graduate students. Dean is now a pastoral intern at Fullerton Evangelical Free Church in California, and Mindy is a production assistant at the Lockman Foundation, publishers of the NAS and Amplified Bibles. Their home address is 619 West Grafton Place, Anaheim, CA 92805.

Douglas Granitz '83 and Kelly Aho were married October 26, 1985. Included in the wedding party were Tom Granitz '86, John Moran '83, Mark Wright '83, Don Granitz '77, and Al Lettinga '78. Doug received his master's degree in international relations and economic development from Indiana University and is now in the army-intelligence field. Kelly is completing her studies in interior design at Angelo State University. The couple resides at 2901 Sunset Dr., #37-D, San Angelo, TX 76904 (915) 949-6007.

John W. Back '84 and Jeanne Castonguay were married June 27 at the La Venta Inn in Palos Verdes Estates, California. The wedding party included best man Randy Rosema '84, Dave Smith '82, Christina Stark '80, and Gordon Roycroft, former resident director of Wengatz Hall. John finished his graduate studies at Azusa Pacific University in social science, and is now director for leadership development at Biola University in La Mirada. Jeanne is a resident director at Biola and will complete her master's degree this spring. Their address is 13800 Biola Avenue #1126, La Mirada, CA 90639.

August 16 was the wedding date for Laura Mannix '85 and Andrew Kuniholm in Louisville, Kentucky. Laura's mother, Ida (Wessman) Mannix is a '48 grad of Taylor University. Kathy (Van Ostrom) Hreske '85 and Amy Pringle '84 served as bridesmaids. Lyn Rowell '85 was the soloist. Sandi (Wagner) Horine '85 and Lyn served at the reception. The couple's address is 3309 Cannongate Road #201, Fairfax, VA 22031 (703) 849-8651.

## Births

Ron '67 & Leslie (Van Deusen '71) Philpot announce the arrival of Ethan Kyle on September 21. Ron is the administrative dean at a middle school in Titusville, while Leslie enjoys homemaking. They attend Park Avenue Baptist Church where they are involved in a discipling ministry. They are also involved in the Lynx bus ministry which serves all ages, but particularly teens. Ron and Leslie, along with Ethan Kyle and their other children, Ryan Jon (9) and Holly Ann (4), live at 2725 Hillcrest Ave., Titusville, FL 32796.

John Carlson '72 and wife Nancy are parents of John Gordon, born October 12. John Gordon, his sister Katie (3), and their parents live at 3014 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie, Indiana, 47304; John is wire editor of the *Muncie Evening Press*, where he has worked for the past 11 years.

David '73 & Cheryl (Coates '74) Morris announce the birth of Daniel Benjamin on September 18, 1985. Both David and Cheryl are currently on staff with The Navigators and have moved to the Ivory Coast to work with students at the University of Abidjan. Their address is Casier 221, B.B.Plc., 01 B.P. 522, Abidjan 01, COTE D'IVOIRE.

Nicole Ann was born to Peter x74 & Francine (Cocallas '74) Barnes on April 10. Peter is an engineering manager at Metal Impact Corp.; Francine continues to help manage the family-owned business, Carriage Hill Kennels. Nicole, brother Bobby and their parents reside at 1945 Phillips, Northbrook, IL 60062.

June 11 was the birthdate of Brittany Anne Jarboe, whose parents are Eric & Susan (Van Poucker) Jarboe, both '74. Susan is at home with Brittany Ann and her sister Kelsy Joy (2), and Eric teaches the orchestra program in North Vernon, Indiana, and is music director at First Baptist Church. The family's

address is 26 Oakwood Dr., North Vernon, IN 47265.

Brad and Georgia Ann (Paul '74) Miller announce the birth of their first child, Megan Ashley, on Labor Day, September 1. Brad is marketing manager for Moody Press, and Georgia is staying home to care for Megan after having served as a social worker at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. The family lives at 1445 Lorraine Rd., Apt. 301, Wheaton, IL 60187 (312) 653-3778.

Jim and Carolyn (Barton '74) Mudge announce the birth of Jeffrey Nathaniel on August 6 in Honiara, Solomon Islands, where they are serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, currently finishing their first term as translation advisors. The family address is P.O. Box 139, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Tex x76 & Bette (Johnson '75) Shockey are the parents of a son, Kelsey Johnson, born April 2. The family's address is 1726 Oxford, Rockford, IL 61103.

John M. '77 & Penny (Parkin '78) Dimmick announce the birth of John William on August 19. The family is living in Indianapolis where John is minister of music and Christian education at Eastern Heights Baptist Church. Their address is 10162 Indian Lake Blvd., North Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236.

November 10 was the birthdate of Neil Robert, born to Norm '77 & Linda (Butcher '78) Long. Norm teaches 5th grade in Franklin Township Schools; Linda, a former teacher, is at home with Neil and his sister Allison (3). The family's address is R.R. 1, Box 24, Needham, IN 46162.

August 3 brought a new member to the family of George & Bonnie (Weimer) Bennett, both '78: Daniel G. Bennett. The family lives at R.R. 1, Box 183, Albion, IN 46701, where George is branch manager of The Campbell & Fetter Bank and Bonnie is a full-time mother and homemaker.

Douglas and Michelle (Van Vlerah '78) Davidson announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Tyler, born February 18, 1986. The family's address is 826 Colwell St., Maumee, OH 43537.

Rick Seaman '78 and wife Joanne announce the birth of Nathan Andrew on October 21. Rick is the Marion, Indiana, agent for Edward D. Jones & Co. investments. Rick, Joanne, Nathan, and the couple's other children, Jared (6), Heather (4) and Kayla (2), live at 809 Valhalla, Upland, IN 46989.

Phil and Jeanne (Garzon '79) Kouwe and their daughter Lindsay welcomed Jacob Peter to the family on July 17. Their address is 13328 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Timothy and Kathy (Nine '80) Oesterling announce the birth of Nathaniel Ryan, born August 9. Nathaniel and his parents live at 516 W. Jefferson St., Butler, PA 16001.

Jim '80 & Pam (Lambright '82) Krall announce the birth of Daniel James on October 20. Jim is acting dean of student affairs at Northwestern College, and Pam is at home with Daniel and daughter Rebekah. The family's address is 304 Central Ave. SW, Orange City, IA.

A daughter, Melanie Jean, was born to Terri and Tim Alley '82 on October 28. Tim teaches school in the county. The Alley family lives at 300A South High St., Arcanum, OH 45304.

Jeffrey David was born October 14 to Dave & Bonnie (Veenstra) Barber, both '82. Dave is pastor of youth and Christian education at the Village Church of Barrington. The Barber family resides at 411 South Street, Barrington, IL 60010.

David & Susan (Schuneman) Wilkie, both '82, announce the birth of Jennifer Suzanne on October 2. David is an accountant at Earl L. Romans, CPA, PC, and Susan is staying at home following four years of teaching at Oakland Christian School. The family lives



# Change in title and matching gift challenge demonstrate importance of Taylor Fund drive

## 'Taylor Fund' denotes loyalty

What's in a name? Quite a bit, in the mind of President Jay Kesler. So much so that the designation *Taylor Fund* has replaced *Annual Fund* as a way of stimulating unrestricted giving by all the institution's alumni and friends.

While the switch in titles appears to be only cosmetic, such is not the case. "The name change is a symbol of what we want the fund to become," President Kesler said. "We'd truly like the Taylor Fund to become a loyal tradition in which we all participate."

The Taylor Fund is an essential ingredient in supporting every dimension of the institution's ministry.

Gifts to the Taylor Fund enable the college to provide financial assistance for needy students, adequate salaries for dedicated faculty and staff, and resources for all academic and spiritual life programs.

## 'Once in a decade' chance arrives

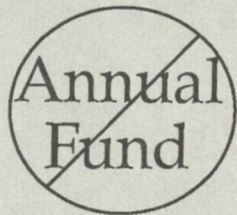
It has been ten years since the Taylor family has had an opportunity like the one now at hand. This spring, Taylor's alumni and friends will experience a matching gift challenge unlike any that has been seen in a decade.

President Kesler has announced that two long-time friends of Taylor University have agreed to match any new gift or increased portion of giving raised for the Taylor Fund. For every new dollar contributed to the Taylor Fund, the donors will match that gift with a dollar

toward the Zondervan Library.

"We are blessed with an opportunity that does not come our way very often," said Chip Jagers, vice president for university advancement. "The last time such a challenge was given, our alumni and friends gave at record levels. For those alumni who work for matching gift companies, this will triple their giving."

President Kesler has stressed the importance of *participation* in giving at any level. "A major goal for Taylor is to increase the percentage of alumni participating in the ministry of Taylor University through



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## Taylor Fund

financial support," he said.

Part of that goal is a competition sponsored by U.S. Steel and CASE, a support organization for university advancement teams -- the CASE/AIMS (Achievement in Mobilizing Support) awards for 1988. Through increased participation in class-giving competitions and phonathons for the 1986-87 year, Taylor University could garner one of the national awards. Last year's participation figure for Taylor alumni was 21%; before setting lofty dollar goals, the advancement team would like to build this percentage.

Further information about the matching gift program will be announced in the months ahead.

# Glass Endowment Fund sprints into existence

Coach George Glass cherishes the experience of officiating at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, but he never dreamed of travelling to Seoul Korea, for the 1988 Olympic games.

That's where he'll be, though, in the summer of 1988, thanks to the former cross country and track and field athlete he has coached over the past 25 years at Taylor University. These young men assembled from all over the nation on October 11 at Taylor for a ribs and chicken cook-out to thank their coach, mentor and friend for his years of committed service to God, Taylor, athletics, and each of their individual lives.

"I was totally surprised," Glass said. "My runners were coming out of the woodwork!"

Glass was not only surprised by the fellowship of his friends, but by their gift of two tickets so that he and wife Jan could attend the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

Furthermore, the athletes arranged for Glass' mother from California, sister from Georgia, brother from Ft. Wayne, and best friends from various states to join in the celebration. Glass was overwhelmed by the surprise presence of family and friends, as well as by the Olympic tickets; however, the best surprise was still to come.

Two years ago, cross country and track and field alumni desired to express their appreciation to Glass. They privately organized a plan to establish a George Glass endowment fund to perpetuate the mission Glass has been dedicated to for the past quarter-century. The group's original goal was \$50,000; currently, about \$150,000 in pledges and gifts stands in the George Glass Endowment Fund, Athletic Director Joe Romine announced to the hundreds attending the special get-

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Kelly James was born June 27 to Paul & Vangie (Key) Alford, both x83. They live at 1673 Tike Lane #E3, Lancaster, OH 43130.

November 2 was the birthdate of Byron LeRoy to Janice and Douglas Hadley '84. Their address is R.R. 1, Box 138, Atlanta, IN 46031.

Jessica Ruth was born October 14 to Mike and Janet (Brand '84) Snyder, who live at 2757 Glenwood Court #9, Boulder, CO 80302.

Randy and Diane (Highley '85) Donovan announce the birth of Eric Ryan on October 9. The family lives at 5248 St. Anthony Rd., Celina, OH 45822.

## Deaths

Gilbert "Gib" Smethurst '39 died October 10. He was a resident of Bradenton, Florida.

Bessie (Sothorn x29) Runion died October 13 in Sun City, Arizona, after a long illness. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Howard Runion x29, and two sons. A memorial service was held November 2 at the Lakeview United Methodist Church, Sun City, of which the Runions are charter members. Taylor alumni at the service included Rev. Maurice & Hazel (Chamberlain) Jones, both '27; Rev. Kenneth ('31) & Irene (Witner '32) Hoover; Chaplain Lawrence Boyll '29; Mrs. Deane (Betty Beebe '28) Irish; and Dr. Earl & Frances (Thomas) Allen, both '28.

Terrilyn (Randell x80) Gasper, wife of John Gasper '79, died in her sleep November 20 of cardiac arrest. She had not been ill, and her death was sudden and unexpected. Memorial services were held November 22; besides her husband, Terrilyn leaves three sons -- Justin (6), Travis (4), and Luke (2). The family's

address is 1002 Hamilton Street, Wausau, WI 54401.

## Global Taylor

Marian Derby '31 returned to Montevideo, Uruguay, in the spring of 1986, celebrating the 50th anniversary of her arrival there in February of 1936. She retired in 1976 after 40 years of missionary service and now lives at Sunny Shores Villas, 125 56th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705 (813) 867-2131.

Larry Brown '45, long-time missionary to Brazil, has returned "home" to Brazil to spend his retirement years in ministry to the people he and wife Betty (Hughes x45) learned to love so much. Most of Larry's time since Betty's death in 1982 has been spent in Stateside assignments, but his heart has always been in Brazil. His address is Caixa Postal 1533, 86.100 - Londrina, PR, Brazil.

LeRoy '51 & Mary (Weber '48) Lindahl were featured in the "Heroes of Faith" article in the November issue of World Gospel Mission's *Call to Prayer*. The Lindahls are retiring after many years of ministry in Bolivia, followed by six years as heads of the Spanish-speaking ministry in Los Angeles. The article says of them, "they will always be remembered as those who developed the ministry of Wings of Peace and as individuals who have had a deep love for Spanish-speaking people."

Mike '55 & Lorena (Smith x56) Murphy spent Christmas with their entire family for the first time in six years. They were on a two-month furlough from Brazil, and son Scott and his wife, missionaries in Spain, were home at the same time. Mike reports with thanksgiving on the growth of their church in Brazil; new converts have tripled its size since last September. Their address is Caixa Postal 58, 86.001 Londrina, Paraná, Brazil, S.A.

David x64 & Karen (Coolman x63) Powell have returned to the U.S. after serving as missionaries for 20 years in Puerto Rico with the Mennonite Board of Missions. David is now a computer programmer for MBM, while Karen is health services coordinator for the Association for the Disabled of Elkhart County. They live at 18169 Vista View Dr., Goshen, IN 46526.

Christ & Hettie (Hardin) Stauffer, both '69, and their children -- Mark, Julie, Gary, and Stacy -- live in Manila, Philippines, where Chris teaches physical education in grades K-5 at Faith Academy and coaches the high school girls' softball team. The Stauffers are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators; their address is Box 820, MCC, Makati, Metro Manila 3117, Philippines.

David T. Brown '72 and wife Janet have returned from Morocco to represent the North African Mission in England. At present they are living in Janet's mother's home at 26 Elmsleigh Rd., Weston-Super-Mare, Avon BS234 JN, United Kingdom.

Dr. Muriel Marshall-Bah '74 and her husband, Dr. Michael Bah, along with their three children, Andrew (7), Aileen (4), and Brian (1), serve as TEAM missionaries in the United Arab Emirates. Muriel is a physician, and Michael is the administrator at Oasis Hospital, 120 miles from Abu Dhabi where Carol (Lowery '81) Anderson and her husband are also on the staff. In addition to her MD degree, Muriel will complete a PhD in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane University and Medical School in early 1987. Mail is forwarded to the Bah family from 6399 Sylv-Ptersburg Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267.

Faye Chechowich '74 has returned to the U.S. after three years of ministry with Youth for Christ in South Africa. She is enrolled in a two-year master's program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School under a study leave arrangement with YFC. Her address is

TEDS Box D421, 2065 Half Day Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015.

Roy '76 & Marabeth (Johannes '75) Ringenberg are in Quito, Ecuador, working with HCJB World Radio, one of the world's largest missionary broadcasting organizations. Roy is involved in medical teaching at the mission's hospital while Marabeth is a full-time mother of the couple's three children, Sarah (7), Peter (5), and Ruth (1).

Ruth (Brand '79) Farrell and husband Hunter have been appointed by the Division of International Missions, General Assembly Mission Board, as Presbyterian Church missionaries with the Presbyterian Community of Zaire to serve as evangelists for four years. They attended orientation for new missionaries over the summer and are now in France for a year, during which time Ruth will study the French language and Hunter will participate in a special course on African Studies before they proceed to Zaire later this year.

John Schindler '82 is a teacher at ECWA Bible College in Kagoro, Nigeria, under the auspices of the Sudan Interior Mission. His address is ECWA Bible College, Box 35, Kagoro, Kaduna State, Nigeria, West Africa.

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# Fall survey assesses quality of Upland's community

Although she has been a resident of Upland for only the past year, Dr. Alice Jackson is already greatly interested in making her new hometown the best it can be.

That's why, when she began her second year of teaching in the social work department at Taylor University, she decided her classes would become involved in surveying the needs of Upland's residents. Although the computer has yet to run the tabulations and cross-tabulations, some interesting information has already resulted from 21 students visiting 146 homes.

"From what people said, Upland is doing a good job," Jackson said. "It's meeting basic needs very well."

What began as a class project has turned into a gargantuan task for Dr. Jackson, who freely admits the survey has been "a lot of work." The work has had, and will have, its rewards, though.

From the information, Dr. Jackson and her class have created a list of "wants" and "needs" that were expressed by the townspeople visited. The most mentioned item was a swimming pool — a desire that has been created, perhaps, because of Taylor Lake, a recreation spot limited to Taylor families only.

Taylor Lake, too, may be the reason Upland's townspeople feel somewhat separated from the Taylor community. "Over and over, people would say Taylor provides places for its own students, but not for the community," Jackson said. Taylor does, however, open nearly all events and activities to the public.

Other items mentioned as needs in the survey's results were a better youth program, better park facilities and maintenance of those facilities, more

## Students enjoy talks with citizens, hope results will benefit them

Students in Dr. Alice Jackson's social work classes discovered that you only scratch the surface when encountering Upland's townspeople at Ivanhoe's or at the grocery store.

Going door-to-door and spending 20 minutes asking questions and discussing attitudes has a way of opening eyes. Students involved in the survey found a new appreciation for the town they live in for four years, and also a new regard for the people who share it with them.

"I liked going out in the community and seeing how people lived," said Becky Litwiller, a sophomore from Berne, Indiana. "I caught a new sight of things."

"I got a really good perspective of what the people were like," said Debbie Cook. "What really surprised me the most was that the people were really honest. They were telling me exactly how they felt."

An impression left with both Litwiller and Cook was the lower to lower-middle class socio-economic status of Upland. Neither realized how many residents struggle with financial difficulties. Another surprise was the interest on the part of the townspeople, and the candidness of their answers.

"A few houses seemed a little wary to open up to questions from someone off the street — and that's to be expected," said Jeff Wallace, a sophomore who was studying his own territory. Wallace has lived in Upland ten years; it didn't make the task

of acquiring information from his fellow community members any easier.

"At first, I was kind of hesitant to go door-to-door," Wallace said. "I felt uncomfortable walking into someone's house and asking questions. But then it made me feel important, because I was actually doing something worthwhile."

Findings from the survey will be shared with the town board. Students, though, hope the fruits of their labor multiply. They would like to see the results made public and, perhaps, programs develop from the needs indicated by the townspeople.

"When I took the surveys, the people asked what was going to be done with the information," Cook said, adding that she hates the thought of not doing more with the data. "If we can pass the results on to another class, then I think that would be great."

Litwiller found it frustrating that more couldn't be done. "Some of those needs — I'd really like to see some things happen," she said. "I hope the results are published. The people I talked to all asked if they would be able to find out the results."

Wallace, too, would like to see action come from the survey data — "If it's used correctly," he said. "We have to assess the needs. If we find a way to help, then we should."

entertainment options, organized recreation, a safe place for young children, a day-care service, a visiting nurse program, and transportation for the elderly.

High ratings were received for Upland's educational programs, EMT service, and police and fire protection.

Students visited every section of town, going house-to-house in pairs and spending about 20 minutes asking questions about Upland, Taylor University, and social services that are offered and should be offered by the community.

"They were all very well received personally," Jackson said. "That's my

impression."

Now that the data is at hand, Jackson intends to search for needs that Taylor's social work department can begin to meet. "I really think we'll do something," she said. "At this point, I don't know that we have enough information from the department's study to set a direction. We'll do some more work and find out what we can do to help."

Jackson is especially concerned about services for the elderly. Although a nursing home is located in Upland, services for the elderly — such as transportation and visiting nurses — are

limited. People have pride, too; a service offered by Taylor University may not go over well with everyone. "That offends some townspeople — that Taylor would help with a 'need,'" Jackson said.

When the results are fully tabulated, Jackson intends to present the findings of her students to the Upland town board in the interest of Upland's citizens. Between Taylor University's social work program and Upland's own services, Dr. Jackson and her students hope that the needs of the community may be met.

## 'Enrollment'

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Lembright credits Mary Kay Nugent with developing the application; with it, the admissions staff can rate students based upon academics and extra-curricular activities and also assist them with early financial aid information. Taylor University, with this new application, has the ability to project the probable amount of a student's aid package the fall before he arrives on campus — nearly a year in advance.

"I'm really enthusiastic about this application," Lembright said. "We're able to meet needs and match needs."

## 'Glass'

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together, and the amount continues to grow.

"These guys are my life," Glass stated. "They're my family. Besides my salvation, my wife and my immediate family, these guys are the most important part of my life."

Glass argues that he learns just as much from his runners as they learn from him, and he sees the entire endowment fund in relation to the feeding of the 5,000 in the Bible. One individual gave a small amount, and God blessed beyond measure. Likewise, the endowment began with a small amount and continues to grow.

"The entire story is a testimony of what God wants to do with people's lives," Glass said. Glass' life was bolstered through sharing, as well; Coach Don Odle, through his personal witness, was instrumental in Glass' seeking Christ. "Coach Odle invested his life in more than a job," Glass added. "He invested his life in people."

At Taylor, Glass sees faculty and staff investing in lives and refers to it as a "privilege and an honor." Now, the young men he has served have returned this favor through a blessing that will help the athletes that follow them at Taylor University — a blessing in the form of an endowment fund that bears the name of George Glass.

by Karen Muselman '87

## Cross country teams pace fall sports success

### Men's Cross Country

Brian Shepherd, a senior, and junior Bob Bragg advanced to the NAIA National Meet, although the Trojans failed to qualify as a team, losing the District 21 title by three points. The team placed well at both district meets and at Little State.

### Women's Cross Country

Although women's cross at Taylor is only three years old, the team won its second straight District 21 title and placed 21st in the NAIA Nationals. Sherry Pomeroy and Jodi Williamson were named to the NCCAA and 25-member NAIA Academic All-American teams. Taylor second in the NCCAA meet and third at Little State. Four runners made All-State, six NAIA All-District 21, and seven NCCAA All-District 3.

### Football

A second straight season at .500 or better was recorded, the team

finishing at 5-5. Wide receiver Steve Wild, running back Mike Woods and defensive end Dave Moellering were honorable-mention All-Americans.

### Soccer

Three big wins over Purdue-Calumet (5-1), Franklin College (5-1) and Tri-State (4-2) bolstered a 5-10 season. The team lost 2-1 in the first round of the District 21 playoffs. Captain Awards went to Doug Stephens, David Meyers and Steve Weber.

### Volleyball

Although no titles were won, the team advanced to the semifinal round in four tournaments, placing third in the NCCAA, and finished with a 17-16 record. Sherry Smith was named to the all-district NCCAA team. Laurel Smith and Michelle Hollar set several school records, Smith setting the hitting record and Hollar establishing a blocking record.

Crying was in order in August when fire swept through Taylor's Little Theatre. But Brian Smith and Teresa Nevil (right) are crying for a different reason; they're acting in the fall presentation of Neil Simon's The Good Doctor. It was the first show to be presented in the new Little Theatre, located in the hastily remodeled Ayres building. For more information on how Taylor is making use of what was once the library, see pages 1 & 2.



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